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BRNOVITZ, Franz

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Re: Possible Allied Intelligence Source in
Czechoslovakia

V-14600

1. During the screening of Franz BRNOVITZ, Austro-German refugee, by Agent "A" at the NORTH ATLANTIC (NATO) Liaison Group on 26 February 1951, BRNOVITZ said that he believed that if contact could be made with a Jarek PAJURA, presently in Czechoslovakia, American Intelligence would have a valuable source on Czech heavy industry and armaments. (P-6)

a. Personal data on BRNOVITZ is as follows:

Name: Franz BRNOVITZ Sex: Male
Date of Birth: 16 January 1901
Place of Birth: Prague (150/144), CZE.
Nationality: German Occupation: Student
Height: 5'9" Weight: 159 lbs. Build: Medium
Hair: Dark Brown Eyes: Brown
Identifying Marks: Balding complexion
Destinations: Antonov School, Landkreis STETTIN (151/077),
Germany

2. BRNOVITZ said that he had been a political prisoner and had worked in the Antonov Coal Mine in PRYKOP (CZE), near Prague (Czech Republic) (150/144), as a laborer from April 1949 to 8 February 1951. During this time he came to know and trust a fellow prisoner, a (former Czech Army Colonel) Jarek PAJURA. PAJURA is described as being approximately 36 years old, 5'10" tall, white hair, and heavily built. PAJURA told BRNOVITZ that during the war he had performed some espionage work for France and England. In 1944, PAJURA was arrested by the Germans and sent near to death; however, in return for working for the Germans, he was given a parole. After the war, in 1945, PAJURA was sentenced to death by a Czech People's Court, on the grounds of treason and espionage and for collaboration with the Gestapo, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. (P-6)

3. PAJURA is a quiet individual and speaks only with those in whom he has confidence. During October 1950, a friendly Czech civilian who had often provided BRNOVITZ and BRNOVITZ with extra food and other favors, reported to BRNOVITZ that the Voles of America had broadcast a message directed to PAJURA, which told him to take care of his health, and to keep up his faith, for the day would come when he would be freed. BRNOVITZ said that the Czech minor was opposed to Communism. Apparently, Czech authorities had not heard the broadcast, if it was actually made, because nothing was said or done to PAJURA, nor was he put under observation. BRNOVITZ went to the broadcast, and BRNOVITZ and BRNOVITZ discussed transmitting intelligence items to the Western forces. (P-6)

4. Colonel PAJURA was visited by his wife or by some member of his family every two or three weeks. The wife operates a grocery and delicatessen in Prague (Czech Republic) (150/144), located at Blatovska 33, at the edge of town in the direction of Prague (Czech Republic) (150/140). The business is personally supervised by the wife of PAJURA and has not been nationalized. She is about 40 years old,

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Plant, and about 5'5" tall. He has a dark car. A son, Ulrich,
approximately 32 or 33 years old, about 5'5" tall, blond, husky build,
full, round face, unmarried, is a traveling representative of an iron works plant
near PRAHA (142/162) in CZECHOSLOVAKIA (C.S.). He often travels to RUSSIA and is
said to have access to all the latest developments in armaments. (P-6)

5. The source stated that he (FAIRBANKS) had discussed forwarding of information
relative to the Czech arms industry through to the Western powers by way of his
son, Ulrich FAIRBANKS, who had agreed to furnish such information to a reliable
courier. When it was known that the source was about to be allowed to enter to to
Germany, it was discussed again and decided that contact would be made by an
Allied agent contacting the son of FAIRBANKS through the wife of FAIRBANKS in her
store, and using the name "Fronz ROSE VITZ" as a password. The source said that
Colonel FAIRBANKS had arranged that information would be furnished by the son,
relative to the steel, iron, and armaments industries in Czechoslovakia. Contact
can also be made by visiting Colonel FAIRBANKS at the prison camp adjacent to the
Antonine Industries. The contact can should speak Czech, have Czech or late Czech
identification papers, and time his visit so that there would be no other
visitors present that the overheard are unable to overhear all conversations.
Visitors are allowed only during certain hours on Sunday mornings. (P-6)

6. According to the source, Colonel FAIRBANKS is also well known by Vladimír
Kubík, Chairman of the FAIRBANKS Group with headquarters in RUSSIA, and also
active in the Czech National Group. The source said that possibly Ulrich FAIRBANKS
was already in contact with KUBÍK. (P-6)

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